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NWT Biathlete posts top Canadian result at World Junior Biathlon Championships

Val Martello, Italy (January 24, 2007) - Hay River's Brendan Green took on the world's best earlier this week at the 2007 World Junior Championships being held in Val Martello, Italy. Green fought through heavy snowfall and soft snow conditions during his race to take the field of 87 competitors by storm, finishing in 12th position in the Junior Men's 15km Individual. Green also posted the top Canadian Junior Men result of the day. Shooting 17 for 20 on the range combined with a very strong ski performance over the 15km course, Green put together his best international performance of the season.

Missing 3 targets in his first of four bouts of shooting, Green did not have an ideal start to his race. An excellent shooting performance in the Individual competition is vital as racers receive a minute penalty for each missed target. "Missing three targets in my first bout was definitely a shock and a little nerve rattling; especially in a race were shooting plays such an important role. This definitely was not how I had planned to start my race, but thankfully I was able to refocus and put together a strong performance both on the shooting range as well as on my skis," commented Green. "Performances like this are what make biathlon such an exciting sport, you can go from first to last place in just a few seconds on your final shooting bout if things don't go your way. You can never be certain who the winner is until everyone crosses the finish line."

"All in all, considering the tough snow conditions and the initial start to my race, I am extremely pleased with the result of my race and look forward to more strong performances throughout the rest of the week," commented Green. This is Green's second time competing at a World Junior Championships; as a Youth male in 2005, Green anchored Canada's relay team to a silver medal performance at the Youth / Junior World Championships in Kontiolahti, Finland.

Posting the top three times to round out the podium today were Evgeny Abramenko - Belorussia, Anton Shipulin - Russia, and Klemen Bauer - Slovenia.

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